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**AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 CFR §1.312**

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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Sir:

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance as applicable to claim 15. The reasons for allowance also apply in part to claim 11, but not in their entirety because claim 11 is not limited to the use of a fastener screw.<sup>1</sup>

Independent claims 1 and 9 and all the dependent claims are considered allowable because none of the prior art teaches or suggests the combinations of elements recited therein.

Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>1</sup> Claim 11 is also directed more generally toward an assembly than toward scissors.